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Celeste Cantú, Executive Director, gave an update of activities taken by the State and Regional Water Boards' staff in response to water quality issues arising from the recent rainstorms affecting California's north and central coasts and inland areas.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. Consideration of an amendment to add Paradise Cove and other beaches to the Clean Beaches Initiatives grant program competitive location list

Motion: Member Katz moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Secundy

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution 2006-0001](#))

Aye: Board Chair Doduc
Vice Chair Secundy
Member Katz
Member Baggett
No: None

WATER QUALITY

3. Consideration of a resolution authorizing execution of contracts to continue to implement the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring Assessment (GAMA) program

Angela Schroeter, Senior Engineer Geologist, Division of Water Quality, asked the Board if they wanted a brief status on the GAMA program.

Board Chair Doduc said she was familiar with the GAMA program and because there were not any comment cards received the item would be moved.

Motion: Vice Chair Secundy moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

Seconded by: Member Katz

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution 2006-0002](#))

Aye: Board Chair Doduc
Vice Chair Secundy
Member Katz
Member Baggett
No: None

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4. Consideration of a resolution approving a modification to an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins establishing site-specific temperature objectives for Deer Creek in El Dorado and Sacramento counties

Rik Rasmussen, Chief Planning Standards and Implementation Unit, Division of Water Quality presented the item to the Board. Mr. Rasmussen began by saying that on January 31, 2003, the Central Valley Water Board adopted a resolution amending the Basin Plan by establishing site-specific objectives for temperature for Deer Creek, a small creek draining lower woodlands of the western Sierra Nevada foothills. The State Water Resources Control Board subsequently approved this amendment on February 19, 2004. The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the amendment on March 11, 2005, with minor non-substantive changes to the amendment as authorized by the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Water Board at the request of OAL staff.

Mr. Rasmussen continued stating that on March 15, 2005, the amendment was forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval. While reviewing the amendment, USEPA staff discovered that a minor change to the amendment language, which they had requested, had not been done. USEPA staff had requested that the word “discharges” be replaced with the words “controllable factors” in the following sentence: *“For Deer Creek, source to Cosumnes River, temperature changes due to **discharges** shall not cause creek temperatures to exceed the objectives specified in Table III-4A.”*

Mr. Rasmussen closed saying the Central Valley Water Board staff had fully intended to make this minor change to the language prior to adoption of the amendment, but due to an administrative oversight they failed to do so. To make this minor change, the Central Valley Water Board modified the amendment on September 16, 2005. The site-specific temperature objectives are not before the Board for reconsideration. The matter that is before the Board is to change the word from “dischargers” to “controllable factor.”

Motion: Member Katz moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Secundy

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution 2006-0003](#))

Aye: Board Chair Doduc
Vice Chair Secundy
Member Katz
Member Baggett

No: None

Commenters

Tim Sullivan, El Dorado Irrigation District

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

5. Consideration of resolution adopting the Proposition 50 Dairy Water Quality Grant Program recommended projects list

Ken Coulter, Engineer Geologist, Division of Financial Assistance, presented the item to the Board. Mr. Coulter said the Proposition 50 Dairy Water Quality Grant Program item is to make a decision on how to spend the \$5 million from Proposition 50 that has been appropriated for the Dairy Water Quality Grant Program. The State Water Board adopted the Guidelines for the Dairy Water Quality Grant Program on June 15, 2005. A solicitation for projects was released on August 2, 2005, and 16 eligible proposals were received by October 3, 2005.

Mr. Coulter continued by stating that in accordance with the Program Guidelines, a Dairy Grant Selection Panel was convened and the Panel delivered its final Recommended Funding List on December 16, 2005. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt the Funding List.

The only commenter listed for this item asked for postponement until January 13, 2006, because there was a lack of time for adequate public comments to be made. The Board agreed to postpone the item until January 13, 2006.

Commenters

Gary Conover, Western United Resource

6. Consideration of a resolution adopting the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines

Erin Ragazzi, Senior Environmental Scientist and Program Manager for the consolidated grants program, Division of Financial Assistance, presented the item to the Board using a 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines power point presentation. In the presentation, Ms. Ragazzi highlighted the extensive public participation staff has included in the development of the guidelines, discussed the comment letters received and presented staff's recommended approach. The purpose of the guidelines is to establish the process and criteria that staff will use to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grant money for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program. The State Water Board will administer six watershed and non point source grant programs concurrently through the program totaling approximately \$143 million.

Motion: Member Katz moved to adopt the proposed resolution, reserving the issue of the litigation waiver for a subsequent meeting.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Secundy

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution 2006-0004](#))

Aye: Board Chair Doduc
Vice Chair Secundy

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Member Katz

No: None

Absent: Member Baggett

Commenters

Bridget Debrowski, Agriculture Water Quality Alliance

Kay Mercer, Southern SLO & Santa Barbara County Agriculture Watershed Coalition

Emily Hanson, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Karen Christensen, Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District

Tacy Currey, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Chris Coburn, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Judith Fries, County of Los Angeles

ADJOURNED

Tam M. Doduc, Chair adjourned the meeting on January 4, 2006 at 12:25 p.m.